

**TOWN OF TREMONT
SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2005
5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the Monday, December 19, 2005 workshop to discuss the parking situation at the Town Wharf parking lot with the Harbor Committee to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Kathi Thurston, Heath Higgins, Charlie Dillon, Harbor Committee Members David Schlaefer – Chairman, Diane Miller, Spencer Erving, Mel Atherton, Jon Crossman, Mike Ryan, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

3. DISCUSSION OF UPPER BERNARD PARKING LOT USE WITH HARBOR COMMITTEE

Chairman Scott Grierson asked the Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer to tell the Selectmen what they have in mind.

Chairman David Schlaefer explained that during the summer the parking lot is always full. He went on to inform the Selectmen of the time line for the Harbor dredging and the ramp construction. The State required a parking lot when the town received permission to build the boat ramp. The State chose the upper lot in Bernard.

According to the Harbor Committee some cars stay in the lot for two weeks or more and they felt banning overnight parking was the best solution.

Chairman Scott Grierson suggested two other options; increase the parking in Bernard or the town could get a lot near the harbor. He felt that what ever the solution it should not exclude the Gott's Island residences or the over night parkers. Harbor Committee Member Jon Crossman suggested over night coupons – maybe 20. Harbor Committee Chairman David Schlaefer said he thought there were maybe 22 spaces in the upper lot. He suggested contacting Morris Yachats about Gott's Islanders maybe parking on their lot that is empty of sail boats. Selectman Kathi Thurston pointed out that she is one of the Gott's Islanders that moved from the Ferry Terminal to the Bernard lot because there just were not enough spaces at the Ferry Terminal. Harbor Committee Member Mel Atherton suggested a fee schedule that's would be comparable to the fees charged at the Ferry Terminal.

Selectmen Charlie Dillon and Kathi Thurston felt the Selectmen should handle this problem themselves. Northwood Kenway suggested no overnight trailer parking.

4. OTHER

None

5. ADJOURN

Chairman Scott Grierson closed the workshop at 6:06 pm.

**TOWN OF TREMONT
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2005
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Grierson called the December 19, 2005 Regular Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Scott Grierson, Selectmen Charlie Dillon, Kathi Thurston, Heath Higgins, Town Manager Millard Billings, and Recording Secretary Debbi Nickerson.

Members of the public present were Chris Eaton, Northwood Kenway, Frank Stanley, Jim Snow, Susan Snow, Mark Good – Islander, Laurie Schreiber – Bar Harbor Times, and David Kelley.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrant 72 11,399.97

Warrant 73 4,255.59

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to accept Warrants 72 & 73. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY CENTER

Town Manager Millard Billings explained in the packets the Selectmen received the expenses for the current Town Office and the Community Building (see attached). The Selectmen suggested the School pay the fee they are paying now plus the electric and oil for the current Town Office and Community Building.

B. UPDATE ON TOWN OFFICE/SITE WORK

Gott's has lowered the driveway 4.5 feet, which will leave room for 18 inches of base. Goodwin's has begun removing the loose rubble from the building site. There are 2 high spots that need to be blown within the foundation and one spot outside the foundation. They are now working in the parking lot area to see if there are any spots there. Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen to see if they'd want to move the elevation of the building to minimize blasting.

C. WHARF GARAGE FURNACE

The Wharf Garage Furnace had a hot spot and Brad Reed, of HG Reed, said there was a hole in it and needed to be replaced. David Kelley was to remove the furnace and he discovered a clog in the chimney. He assumed that was causing the hot spot, so he put it back together and re-installed duct work and sent the

town a bill for \$1,217.68. When HG Reed went to install a switch the furnace needed they said the furnace was condemned and they would donated a used furnace to the town.

Motion made by Selectman Kathi Thurston, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, in luau of paying David Kelley for the work he did we forgive him 3 months rent - December, January and February. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to appoint Ann Geary to the Tremont Housing Authority. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to nominate Frank Stanley to serve on the Deer Management Committee. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

The appointments are for one year.

Selectman Heath Higgins expressed a desire to have Maynard Young on the Deer Management Committee. Chairman Scott Grierson seconded that. Maynard Young was appointed to the committee by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Chairman Scott Grierson, with second by Selectman Charlie Dillon, to nominate Mike Conners to the Deer Management Committee. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to nominate Kelli Reed-Carter to the Deer Management Committee. Motion passed by a show of hands 4-0.

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Chairman Scott Grierson, to nominate Steve Harper to the Deer Management Committee. Motion passed by a show of hands 3-1. Selectman Heath Higgins voted against.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Town Manager Millard Billings asked the Selectmen if they would like to see the Warrant Articles before the Warrant Committee. Selectman Kathi Thurston requested seeing the Warrant Articles first for information only.

B. OTHER

The ton truck caught fire on December 19th. The problem was the wiring and has been corrected. Town Manager Millard Billings would like to trade that truck in next year and get a one ton, or ton and a half, 4 wheel drive truck to handle the plow, low bed body and a dump bed that can be dumped from the rear or the side. He would like to get a plow and sander to plow the town's parking lots and remove them from the snow plow contract.

8. SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS NEXT MEETING

None

9. OTHER

Selectman Charlie Dillon asked if the Selectmen had anything for the CIP Committee which will be meeting January 6, 2006. Selectman Heath Higgins asked about the

lower entrance for the new town office and the DOT. Chairman Scott Grierson asked to have them involved with the landscaping.

Selectman Kathi Thurston was upset because she made copies of a letter and left the original in the copier and it was included in the Selectmen Packets. Town Manager Millard Billings explained that any piece of paper left in the town office that is not someone's health records or General Assistance becomes public information.

10. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2006

11. ADJOURN

Motion made by Selectman Charlie Dillon, with second by Selectman Heath Higgins, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbi Nickerson

Kathi Thurston

Steve Harper

Scott Grierson

Charlie Dillon

Heath Higgins